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ANNUAL REPORT

1996

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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1996

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Paul F. Donovan

SELECTMEN

Raymond M. Conway, Chairman

Timothy A. Kenison Carroll E. Ingerson

TREASURER

Marie A. Noyes

TAX COLLECTOR

Mary L. Gross

TOWN CLERK

Opal L. Bronson

AUDITOR

Rita M. Larcomb

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Donald Noyes Cheryl Meehan Lloyd Ingerson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jeffrey Wiseman, Director

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Corvinus, Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Wayne Paschal, Chairman

FIRE CHIEF

Vyron Lowe

FAST SQUAD

Larry Coulter, Jr., Director

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Jason Call Harold Davis David Foster

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Adele Woods, Chairman Lena Savage Wilma Corrigan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Winnie Ward Doug Grella, Co-Chair

WARRANT 1997 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at 7:00 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. That sum being \$331,882.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Route 115B Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Town Dump Closure Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of constructing a new office building and for this purpose authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow \$40,000 by issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) upon such terms and at such rate of interest as the Selectmen may determine and further to authorize the Selectmen to do whatever may be necessary in connection with the issuance of such notes or bonds. The balance of \$30,000 to be raised by general taxation. (2/3 ballot vote)

Selectmen recommend. (If this article is passed Article 9 will be passed over.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to move and set up the portable classroom to be used as a Town Office Building. Selectmen do not recommend.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the Littleton Hospital. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to support the Caleb Group. This group works for enhancing independent living of the elderly. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$485 for the support of the Mt. Washington Regional Airport (Whitefield). Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to help pay the insurance premium on the Jefferson Historical building, such sum to be given to the Historical Society Treasurer by August 1996. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Lancaster Humane Society. Selectmen do not recommend.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Jefferson, based on the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and net assets not in excess of \$35,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which

may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE 17: To address the feelings of the Townspeople concerning the future of the Historical Society and the future needs of the Historical Society Building.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of such equipment and/or property of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion, deem equitable and just.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

**Article 1 to be voted by ballot while polls are open.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-seven.

A True Copy: ATTEST

RAYMOND M. CONWAY, Chairman
TIMOTHY A. KENISON
CARROLL E. INGERSON
Board of Selectmen
Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1997

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$27,800	\$26,448	\$27,800
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,000	6,515	7,000
Financial Administration	17,000	12,363	17,000
Legal Expense	3,500	0	3,500
Planning and Zoning	7,000	4,292	7,000
General Government Building	5,000	5,950	5,000
Cemeteries	6,000	4,895	5,000
Insurance	20,000	15,760	20,000
Other General Government		3,587	
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	4,000	3,284	4,000
Ambulance	4,500	3,691	6,500
Fire	23,000	23,915**	23,000
Fast Squad	1,000	945	1,500
Emergency Mgt.	400	0	400
Court Divers.	685	685	685
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
Administration & Highways & Streets & 911 Signs	89,500	84,294	85,000
Bridges	3,000	1,558	3,000
Street Lighting & Other	5,500	5,452	5,500
SANITATION			
Administration & Solid Waste Collection	43,500	52,766	50,000
Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup Closure Plans			10,000
Sewage Collection & -Disposal & Other	1,600	950	1,000
HEALTH			
Administration & Pest Control	500	70	500
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	7,889	7,889	8,058

WELFARE

Administration & Direct Assistance	3,000	1,009	3,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	4,000	3,994	4,000
Library	6,800	7,314	7,500
Patriotic Purposes	500	336	500
Other Culture and Recreation	5,300	5,711	300

CONSERVATION

Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources	350	290	350
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DEBT SERVICE

Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	22,930	22,989	12,989
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	2,000	2,541	1,500
Interest on TANS	10,000	7,923	10,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Mach., Veh., & Equip.	49,000	49,000	
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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Sewer	2,600	978	2,600
To Capital Reserve Fund WA #3, 4, 5, 6, 7	26,000	26,000	26,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$410,854	\$392,394	\$360,182

Purpose of Appropriation	War. Art. #	Approp. Ens. Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Approp. Ens. Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES			
Caleb Group	11	1,500	
Lancaster Humane	14		500
White Mt. Airport	12	485	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$1,985	\$500

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Construct Office Bldg.	8	70,000	
Move/Set up Classroom	9		35,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$70,000	\$35,000

* \$1754 reimbursed

Source of Revenue	*Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	540	500
Resident Taxes	5,000	4,780	5,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	18,596	15,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	72,417	55,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	85,000	108,597	90,000
Building Permits	30	28	30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,195	3,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVT.		24,077	
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	25,000	21,345	15,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		8,026	5,000
Highway Block Grant	27,150	27,150	30,611
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	3,000	3,383	3,000
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	3,000	5,748	3,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	2,000	741	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Investments	2,000	2,092	2,000
Other	6,000	11,778	6,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer (Offset)	3,600	1,467	3,600
Capital Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000	
Trust & Agency Funds	1,500	1,900	1,500
Proc. from Long Term Bonds & notes			40,000
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$252,280</u>	<u>\$350,860</u>	<u>\$279,241</u>
Total Appropriations		\$432,167	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Property Taxes		\$279,241	
Amount of Taxes to be Raised		\$152,926	

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the 1996 Bank Books, Statements, and all other financial records for the Town of Jefferson and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA M. LARCOMB

Auditor

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land

Current Use (Current Use Value)

19,220.64 Acres \$ 1,015,528

Residential

6,771.61 Acres 17,319,900

Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use

780.19 Acres 1,911,200

TOTAL TAXABLE LAND

20,246,628

Buildings

Residential 28,887,600

Manufactured Housing 1,633,800

Commercial 5,278,400

TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS

35,799,800

Utilities

Public Service Company

of New Hampshire 1,173,200

Portland Pipeline Corporation 3,455,300

TOTAL UTILITIES

4,628,500

VALUATION BEFORE

EXEMPTIONS

60,674,928

Exemptions

Blind (1) -15,000

Elderly (10) -160,000

TOTAL EXEMPTIONS

-175,000

NET VALUE FOR TAX

COMPUTATION

60,499,928

(Land tax exempt and non-taxable 3,566.19 acres value 1,496,700

Buildings tax exempt and non-taxable value 1,368,600)

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Appropriations	\$ 410,854
Less Revenues	388,883
Net Town Appropriations	21,971
Add School Appropriations	1,090,622
Add County Appropriations	<u>208,940</u>
TOTAL	1,321,533
Less Shared Revenues	16,182
Add Veterans Credit	3,900
Add Overlay	9,648
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,318,899

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - \$60,499,928 times \$21.80
equals \$1,318,899 (all figures rounded)

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**TAXES**

Property Taxes	\$1,512,460
Resident Taxes	4,780
Yield Taxes	18,596
Land Use Change	540
Interest and Penalties	72,417

TOTAL		\$1,608,793
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LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicles	108,597
Building Permits	28
Other Licenses and Permits	3,196

TOTAL		111,821
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FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Shared Revenue Block Grant	21,345
Highway Block Grant	27,151
State & Federal Land Reimbursements	3,383
Rooms and Meal Tax	8,026
Fire Warden Reimbursement	759**
FEMA Flood Control	24,077
Other Reimbursement/Railroad	3,990

TOTAL		88,731
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MISC. REVENUE SOURCES

Sale of Scrap Metal	400
Charges from Departments	741
Miscellaneous	1,376
Interest on Investment	2,093
Sewer Fees	1,467
Fire Department Grant	998**
Sale of History Books	6,305
Receipts from Bicentennial	3,026
Insurance Dividends	24

TOTAL		16,430
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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Transfer From Trust & Agency	1,900
Transfer Highway Capital Res.	35,000
Reclamation Fund	647

TOTAL		37,547
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TEMPORARY LOAN

Tax Anticipation Note	435,377
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TOTAL		435,377
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TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES		\$2,298,699
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FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/1/96		81,942
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GRAND TOTAL		\$2,380,641
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**Fire Dept. Grant 998 Fire Warden reimbursed 759 deduct from Fire Dept. expense account.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$26,448
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	6,515
Financial Administration	12,362
Planning Board	3,823
Zoning Board	469
Legal Expenses	0
Town Hall & Other	
Government Buildings	5,950
Insurance	15,760
Cemeteries	4,895
Tax Abatements & Refunds	3,587
Taxes Bought by Town	144,630

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire (760 reimbursed grant received 998)	23,914
Police	3,284
Animal Control	70
Fast Squad	945
Lancaster District Court Juvenile Diversion	685

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway and Streets	84,294
Street Lighting	5,452
Bridges	1,558

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	52,766
Grounds Upkeep Leachfield	550
Sewage Collection & Disposal	400

HEALTH

Ambulance	3,691
Senior Meals (warrant article)	475
Health Services (includes warrant articles)	7,414

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	1,009
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	3,994
Library	7,314
Patriotic Purposes	336
Historical Society (warrant article)	300
Bicentennial Celebration	5,411

CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission	290
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DEBT SERVICE

Temporary Loan (TAN)	435,377
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	7,923
Long Term Debt Fire Station	2,660
Interest Long Term Debt	200
Long Term Debt Cemetery Land	10,000
Interest Long Term Debt	508
Long Term Debt Backhoe	10,329
Interest Long Term Debt	1,834

CAPITAL OUTLAY

International Truck '96	49,000
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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	26,000
Transfer to Sewer Fund	978

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Taxes Paid to County	208,940
Taxes Paid to School District	<u>1,053,031</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

	<u><u>\$2,235,371</u></u>
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BALANCE SHEET**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 81,941	\$ 145,270
Taxes Receivable	284,098	261,768
Tax Liens Receivable	155,103	120,422
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Other Funds & Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>521,142</u>	<u>527,460</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Warrants & Accounts Payable	0	0
Due to School District	264,531	302,122
Notes Payable (current)	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	864
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>264,531</u>	<u>302,986</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Special Purpose	0	28,577
Unreserved Fund Balance	256,611	195,897
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>256,611</u>	<u>224,474</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$521,142</u>	<u>\$527,460</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	98,900
Furniture and equipment	10,500
Library, land and buildings	50,400
Furniture and equipment	12,000
Police Department	2,000
Fire Department, building	94,900
Equipment	108,800
Highway Department, Equipment	194,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	23,000
Gravel Pit	7,300
Solid Waste Facility	45,800
Cemeteries	54,000
Deeded land and buildings	64,800
TOTAL	<u>766,400</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Levy for Year of this Report		PRIOR LEVIES		Prior Years
	1996	1995	1994	1993	
DR.					
Uncollected Taxes					
Beginning of Year*					
Property Taxes		\$ 288,282.49			
Resident Taxes		1,390.00	\$650.00	\$420.00	170.00
Yield Taxes		863.00			
Utilities Sewer		2,323.00			
Taxes Committed					
This Year:					
Property Taxes	\$1,314,691.02				
Resident Taxes	5,920.00				
Land Use Change	540.00				
Yield Taxes	19,400.00				
Utilities Sewer	3,790.00				
Overpayment:					
Property Taxes	718.88				
Interest Collected					
on Delinquent Tax	230.87	21,648.90			
Collected Resident					
Tax Penalties	11.00	64.00	21.00	10.00	4.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$1,345,301.77</u>	<u>\$314,571.39</u>	<u>\$671.00</u>	<u>\$430.00</u>	<u>\$114.00</u>

*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

	Levy for Year of this Report 1996	PRIOR LEVIES			
		1995	1994	1993	1992
CR.					
Remitted to Treasurer					
During Fiscal Year:					
Property Taxes	\$1,055,222.99	\$287,093.86			
Resident Taxes	4,390.00	710.00	\$210.00	\$100.00	\$ 40.00
Land Use Change	540.00				
Yield Taxes	16,884.00	863.00			
Utilities	1,304.00	2,323.00			
Interest	230.87	21,648.90			
Penalties	11.00	64.00	21.00	10.00	4.00
Abatements Made:					
Property Taxes	976.64	1,188.63			
Resident Taxes		140.00	70.00	50.00	20.00
Yield Taxes	264.00				
Uncollected Taxes					
End of Year:					
Property Taxes	259,210.27	540.00	370.00	270.00	110.00
Resident Taxes	1,530.00				
Yield Taxes	2,252.00				
Utilities	2,486.00				
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,345,301.77	\$314,571.39	\$671.00	\$430.00	\$174.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

DR.	Last Year's Levy 1995	PRIOR LEVIES		1992
		1994	1993	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$100,588.40	\$57,434.35	\$1,079.75
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$132,370.11			
Interest and Costs Collected After Lien Execution	6,699.57	18,970.45	24,680.16	56.98
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$139,069.68</u>	<u>\$119,558.85</u>	<u>\$82,114.51</u>	<u>\$1,136.73</u>
CR.				
Remittance to Treasurer: Redemptions	47,654.18	63,119.25	56,437.69	\$ 117.67
Int./Costs (After Lien Execution)	6,699.57	18,970.45	24,680.16	56.98
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	313.94	1,792.31	651.16	,962.08
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	84,401.99	35,676.84	343.50	0
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$139,069.68</u>	<u>\$119,558.85</u>	<u>\$82,114.51</u>	<u>\$1,136.73</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 1996, I issued 1,426 Auto registrations collecting for same \$108,587.00 which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected 1,293 Reclamation Trust Fund Fees amounting to \$3,620.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 239 Dog tags and licenses collecting for same \$1,728.50 which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected \$7.00 in Filing Fees, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I recorded and reported to the State Vital Records Bureau 2 Births, 7 Marriages, and 3 Deaths.

My expenses for postage, supplies, meetings and Convention were \$416.17.

Respectfully submitted,

OPAL L. BRONSON
Town Clerk

1996 TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby certify that the year ending December 31, 1996, that I have received from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Reclamation Trust Fund, Sewer Fund, Lancaster National Bank, plus paid Selectmen's orders and carried out other transactions as follows, in the three succeeding separate accounts, to the best of my knowledge.

GENERAL FUND CREDITS:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1996		\$ 81,941.66
1996 Deposits	\$1,860,583.61	
Bank Loans (Tax Anticipation)	435,377.00	
Interest on N.O.W. & H.I.F.I. Accounts	2,092.40	
Reclamation Trust Fund	646.50	
TOTAL CREDITS	2,298,699.51	<u>2,298,699.51</u>
		2,380,641.17

GEN. FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Selectmen's Orders		-2,235,370.94
1996 Gen. Fund Bank Balance		\$ 145,270.23

R.T.F.:

1995 Balance		8,147.64
1996 Deposits	3,620.00	
1996 Interest	291.77	
TOTAL CREDITS	3,911.77	<u>3,911.77</u>
		\$ 12,059.41

R.T.F. DISBURSEMENTS:

Town Clerks Commission (1293 Registrations)	646.50	
		-646.50
1996 R.T.F. Fund Balance		\$ 11,412.91

SEWER FUND:

1995 Balance	3,522.32	
1996 Deposits	978.00	
1996 Interest	121.12	
TOTAL CREDITS	4,621.44	

SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

No Selectmen's Orders		
1996 SEWER FUND BALANCE		\$ 4,621.44

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE A. NOYES, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For the Year Ended 12/31/96

Deposits with Lancaster National Bank:

Cemetery Care	\$ 82,577.75
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	1,863.97
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	535.00
Skating Rink Fund	879.29
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	22,968.69

Total Deposits with Lanc. Nat. Bank	\$108,824.70
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Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:

Capital Reserve Funds:

#1 Highway Vehicle	\$ 7,535.13
#2 Revaluation	15,307.31
#3 Dump Closure	12,643.58
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	3,205.18
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	9,494.12
#6 Fire Truck	10,328.79
#7 Buildings	5,164.39
Perambulating Fund	3,786.76

Total Funds in PDIP:	\$ 67,465.26
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Total of all Trust Accounts, As of 12/31/96	\$176,289.96
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Total of all Trust Accounts, As of 12/31/95	180,912.96
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Payments:

Highway Vehicle	\$35,000.00
Care of Cemeteries	2,021.00
White Mtns. Regional Library	16.52
Bank Service Charge	9.00
Scholarships	400.00

Total Expenses	\$37,446.52
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Additions to Funds:

Interest Earned on Accounts	6,773.52
Nevers-Jefferson Donations	50.00
CR#2 Revaluation Fund	3,000.00
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	5,000.00
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	3,000.00
CR#6 Fire Truck	10,000.00
CR#7 Buildings	5,000.00

Total Additions	\$32,823.52
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Net Increase (Decrease) to all Funds	\$ (4,623.00)
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Balance as of 12/31/96	\$176,289.96
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Trustees of Trust Funds: JASON CALL

HAROLD DAVIS, DAVID FOSTER

1996 LIBRARY BUDGET REPORT

RECEIPTS

1995 Balance		
Books	\$1,074.82	
Audio Visual	514.47	
Supplies	74.71	
Miscellaneous	53.11	
Janitor	65.50	
Magazines	-43.41	
Postage/PO Box Rent	52.63	
Gifts (Memory Diana Hicks)	23.34	
	<u>1,815.17</u>	\$1,815.17
1996 Deposits		
Town Budget	1,900.00	
Reimbursement (5-C.P. Books;		
1-C.P. Video	156.52	
Rebate (1-Video)	5.00	
Overpayment Yield	28.40	
Bank error on statement	.01	
Gift (Rupert Corrigan)	25.00	
	<u>\$2,114.93</u>	2,114.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3,930.10

EXPENSES

Books (131 reg.; 5-C.P.; 2 Free)	\$1,997.15	
Audio Visual (53 reg.; 2-C.P. videos)	780.22	
Supplies (toilet liners & tissue; banners		
book cards/pockets; computer setup		
T-bags)	118.90	
Miscellaneous (Sch. Yearbook/Calendar		
Ads; State library dues)	35.00	
Janitor ('95-'96 trash/snow removal)	145.00	
Magazines (9- Subscriptions)	247.85	
Postage (Box rent; Stamps)	35.80	
Gifts (1 book- Diana Hicks/R. Corrigan)	40.00	
TOTAL EXPENDED	<u>\$3,399.92</u>	-3,399.92
1996 BANK BALANCE		\$ 530.18
CASH ON HAND:		
1995 Balance	31.58	
1996 Overdue fees	<u>3.00</u>	
TOTAL CASH ON HAND		
(no expenditures)	34.58	34.58
BAKER & TAYLOR CREDIT (Books)	52.88	
1996 Credit used (3 books)	<u>-39.86</u>	
CREDIT BALANCE	13.02	13.02
1996 TOTAL BALANCE		\$ 577.78

Respectfully submitted,
WILMA CORRIGAN, Trustee Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTSExecutive - Selectmen's Office

Salaries

Raymond Conway, Chairman	\$ 1,200	
Timothy Kenison	1,200	
Carroll Ingerson	1,200	
Linda Cushman, Assistant to Board	14,107	
Paul Donovan, Moderator	75	
Employer Share FICA & Medicare	1,354	
Printing	1,384	
Phone	676	
Postage/Envelopes	612	
Advertising	213	
Office Machine Repair and Maint.	355	
Membership & Dues	764	
Office Supplies	439	
Executive Expenses	100	
Software Update & Maint.	1,700	
Town Meeting Expenses	138	
Wetland Permit	513	
Current Use Filing	142	
Miscellaneous Office Expenses	276	
TOTAL		\$ 26,448

Election, Registration and Vital Statistics

Salaries

Opal Bronson, Town Clerk	700	
Lloyd Ingerson, Supervisor Checklist	200	
Donald Noyes, Supervisor Checklist	200	
Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor Checklist	200	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	99	
Auto Registration Fees	2,952	
Reclamation Trust Fees	647	
Voter Registration	223	
Dog Licenses and Fees	348	
Vital Records	5	
Convention, Meetings & Dues	337	
Postage	94	
Supplies Dog Licenses & Tags	77	
Printing Ballots	184	
Collected Fees Paid to State	159	
Misc.	90	
TOTAL		6,515

Financial Administration

Assessing

Annual Pick Up Work	1,013
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Abatement Consulting	537	
Tax Map Maintenance	500	
File Storage	485	
Updating Files	144	
Subtotal		2,679
Treasurer		
Salary - Marie A. Noyes	1,000	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	77	
Postage and Envelopes	364	
Expenses	150	
Subtotal		1,591
Tax Collector		
Salary - Mary Gross	5,800	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	444	
Recording Fees	208	
Postage/Envelopes	950	
Dues	40	
Redemptions	253	
Printing	185	
Misc.	9	
Subtotal		7,889
Other Business Operations		
Auditing of Town Books	200	
Postage	4	
Subtotal		204
TOTAL		12,363

Planning and Zoning Board

Planning		
Salary - Ruth Lowe	1,890	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	145	
Planning & Development	151	
Lectures	195	
Recording Fees	130	
Advertising	122	
Office Supplies	166	
Phone	135	
Envelopes - Postage Paid	4	
Abutters Mailings	67	
Miscellaneous	74	
Dues	744	
Subtotal		3,823

Zoning		
Salary - Rita Larcomb	256	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	19	
Advertising	134	
Postage	59	
Subtotal		468
TOTAL		4,291

Insurance

Property Liability - NHMA	8,864	
Workers Compensation	6,751	
Claims Paid Under Deductible	145	
TOTAL		15,760

Police

Salary	2,176	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	166	
Mileage	487	
Purchase Mobil Radio	354	
Juvenile Diversion Program (War Art)	685	
Calibrate Radar Gun	20	
Patches	81	
TOTAL		3,969

Library

Salary		
Brenda Gross	1,202	
Lucille Cameron	1,563	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	212	
Trustee Budget	1,900	
Heating Fuel	1,507	
Phone	354	
Electricity	325	
Repair & Maintenance Library	251	
TOTAL		7,314

Highway Department

Summer Maintenance Salary	16,281	
Winter Maintenance Salary	20,153	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	2,876	
Hired Equipment & Backhoe Rent	1,249	
Summer Road Maintenance	3,009	

Winter Road Maintenance	215	
Fuel	3,490	
Salt	6,642	
Chloride	5,382	
Winter Sand	6,682	
Repair and Maintenance Supplies	1,635	
NH Unemployment	144	
Seminar	40	
General Highway Expense		
Garage Rent	2,800	
Ford 1992	5,089	
International	1,480	
Grader	4,527	
Electricity	225	
Large Sander	1,065	
Small Sander	1,005	
Backhoe	278	
Rock Rake	344	
Wing & Tower	3,063	
Lettering of Trucks	290	
Towing	330	
TOTAL		84,294
	<u>Bridges</u>	
Allie Kenison Road		
Materials Replace Runners	1,558	
TOTAL		1,558
	<u>Conservation Commission</u>	
Supplies Photo Contest	55	
Butterfly Inventory	20	
Conservation Tapes	52	
Dues	150	
Coping	13	
TOTAL		290
	<u>Fast Squad</u>	
Supplies	715	
Radio Repair	55	
New Pager	95	
Advertising	80	
TOTAL		945
	<u>Patriotic Purposes</u>	
Memorial Day	76	
July 4th	112	
Christmas Festival	148	
TOTAL		336

Bicentennial Celebration

Bands	1,500	
Encampment	1,500	
Mugs	428	
Patches	181	
Hats	300	
Envelopes & Stationary	211	
Address Books	151	
Kids Night	121	
Decorations	29	
Car Show	92	
Advertising	303	
Toilets	295	
Sign Rental	300	
TOTAL		5,411

Parks and Recreation

Salary		
Stacey Whipple, Life Guard	1,196	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	91	
Electricity	362	
Skating Rink Maintenance	400	
Repair of Water Line	458	
Rubbish Removal	50	
Portable Toilet	190	
Groundskeeping	1,025	
Pool Supplies	79	
Christmas Tree Lights	30	
Warming Hut Repairs	25	
Misc.	88	
TOTAL		3,994

Cemeteries

Supplies & Rakes	256	
Starr King	972	
Indian	230	
Hillside	718	
Forrest Vale	1,436	
Kilkenny View	770	
Riverton	340	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	172	
TOTAL		4,894

Government Buildings

Fuel - Town Hall	1,079	
Electricity - Town Hall	416	
Furnace Repair	66	
Paint Town Hall	2,700	
Grounds	420	
Miscellaneous	122	
Replace Town Hall Doors & Install	1,012	
Repair Portable Classroom Roof	135	
TOTAL		5,950

Transfer Station

Salaries		
Frank Gray	7,104	
Paul Couture	1,335	
Larry Kenison	562	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	618	
Hauling MSW	10,869	
District Hazardous Waste Fee	482	
AVRRDD - Annual Assessing	6,738	
Landfill Fees	5,390	
Electricity	366	
Hired Equipment/Burn Pile Cleanup	915	
Dumpster Repair	368	
Dumpster Rent	640	
Landfill Closure Survey & Report	7,708	
Miscellaneous Expenses	315	
Construction Container Rent	803	
Hauling Construction Debris	2,704	
Debris Disposal	5,699	
New Transfer Station Sign	150	
TOTAL		52,766

Fire Department

Salary		
Vyron Lowe, Chief	460	
Chris Milligan	1,055	
Adam Chesley	100	
Richard Dean, Jr.	60	
Mark Corrigan	410	
Ron Costa	175	
Larry Coulter, Jr.	305	
Wendy Goodness	290	
Scott Gray	100	
Mike Hatfield	50	
Fred Ingerson	140	
Larry Kenison	335	
Scott Mardin	185	

Blake Nason	190	
Jack Paschal	280	
Kevin Staines	265	
Jeffrey Wiseman	445	
Larry Wells	280	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	507	
Fuel Vehicle	867	
New Equipment	344	
Phone	2,447	
Electricity	787	
Inland Divers	246	
Fuel Buildings	1,343	
General Supplies	605	
Training	75	
FireWarden		
Salary & Expenses (759 reimbursed)	2,019	
Radio Repair	150	
Dues, Advertising	135	
Formpro System (998 Grant funded)	3,600	
Furnace Repair	332	
Fire Hose	100	
10 Monitor II Pagers	3,195	
Vehicle Repair	1,522	
Repair & Maintenance Pumps	89	
911 Labels	105	
Gear/Clothing	96	
Fire Department Mugs	138	
Miscellaneous	87	
TOTAL		23,914
Less Grant & Reimbursement		1,757
		<u>22,157</u>

Discounts, Abatements and Refunds

Property Tax Abatements	210	
Refunds	1,258	
Collected Fees Paid State	746	
TOTAL		2,214

Sewer Disposal & Maintenance

Mowing Leachfield	550	
Pumping of System	400	
TOTAL		950

ROAD AGENT'S REPORTWinter Roads

Salary

Jean Paul Couture	9,520
David Couture	1,799
Frank Gray	3,701
Scott Gray	<u>4,042</u>

19,062

Summer Roads

Salary

Jean Paul Couture	12,024
Frank Gray	1,118
Larry Kenison	<u>5,539</u>

18,744

Hired Equipment

Welder	406
Chainsaw	100
Pickup	15

521

Loam

60

60

GRAND TOTAL

\$38,387

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

During the past year the Fire Department responded to twenty-seven calls.

Members of the Department attended a haz-mat awareness class in Whitefield sponsored by the Dupont Chemical Corporation. In August, we participated in a haz-mat drill in Dalton, also sponsored by the Dupont Chemical Corporation.

The Department participated in the Jefferson Memorial Day and Bicentennial parades, and the Fire Prevention Week "Parade of Lights" in Lancaster. During "Fire Prevention Week" in October, we participated in activities involving the children at the elementary school. These activities are enjoyed by both the children and the firemen (plus Grace provides a great lunch).

This year the Department replaced some fire hoses, and purchased an in-line foam system for Engine One, which will prove to be extremely valuable to us in the suppression of fire by using less water.

The Fireman's Association hosted pancake breakfasts in July and October. The Association is very active in raising money to purchase equipment and materials for the Fire Department, and assisting fire department members when necessary.

The street numbering and naming for the 911 map is proceeding slowly.

Dial 911 to report a fire, police, or medical emergency.

We would like to stress the importance of fire prevention and the use of smoke detectors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all fire department members and red net operators for their dedicated service. Also member "mutual aid" towns for assisting us in the past year, it's a fine concept, community helping community.

The Department is actively looking for new members, if interested, contact any fire department member, or call 586-4570.

Respectfully submitted,
VYRON D. LOWE, Chief

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT**1996 INCIDENT RUNS**

Chimney Fires	3
False Alarms	3
Mutual Aid	5
Smoke In Building	1
Structure Fire	4
Propane Tank Emergency	1
Vehicle Accident Assistance	4
Vehicle Fire	5
Ambulance Crew Assistance (medical call)	1
Total Runs For 1996	27

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Fire Chief	Vyron D. Lowe
Asst. Chief	Christopher Milligan
Captain	Blake Nason
Lieutenant	Ronald Costa
Lieutenant	Jack Paschal
Lieutenant	Mark Corrigan

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN and STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 Fire Statistics

(Cost Shared)

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHRV	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”

RICHARD C. BELMORE
Forest Ranger

VYRON D. LOWE, II
Forest Fire Warden

1996 LIBRARY REPORT

During the year 1996, many interesting events occurred at the Town of Jefferson Library. In addition to the lending of books, audio-visual supplies, magazines, and reference materials, the Library had several activities which were especially geared to promoting literacy among our young people. National Library Week was celebrated in April and a story hour was held for the younger children of our community.

The Librarian developed a Bi-Centennial Summer Reading Program which consisted of weekly story hours with crafts and games. The activities were related to "days of long ago". In celebration of Thaddeus Lowe's birthday the children launched balloons with identifying cards in them. A return postcard indicated that one of the balloons landed in Belfast, Maine about three days after it was released in Jefferson.

To celebrate Children's Book Week in November, the Librarian conducted a story and craft hour and sponsored an art and writing contest for the elementary school students. Winners of the contest received their prizes on December 14th at the Library. On that same date a story and craft hour was held in conjunction with the Jefferson Christmas Festival.

The Trustees of the Library wish to express their thanks to the many people who have helped the Library during the past year, including Rupert Corrigan for hauling trash and Esther Estabrooks for watering the flowers. We would also like to thank the Town of Jefferson for donating a Jefferson Before 1996 book and for altering the ramp at the bottom of the walkway to make it more accessible. We are extremely grateful to have an active and devoted Friends of the Library group who support the Library in many unsung ways. Their planting of flowers in the tubs along the walkway brighten not only the Library lawn but the entire center of town. In addition, this year the Friends donated a new braided rug to the main area of the Library.

The Trustees wish to thank the Librarian and the Assistant Librarian for their devotion to their duties and their efforts to promote the use of the Library in our community. We would also like to thank the people of Jefferson for using the Library and making it an important center of activities in our town. We invite all members of our community to visit our Library in 1997!

Respectfully submitted,
ADELE WOODS, Trustee Chairman
LENA SAVAGE, Trustee
WILMA CORRIGAN, Trustee
BRENDA GROSS, Librarian

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment. The present members are: Wayne Paschal, Chairman; Kim Perry, Vice Chairman; Dale Paschal; Burleigh Wyman; Jason Call. Alternates are Craig Clukay and Ron Gifford.

The Board of Adjustment met as necessary on the second Thursday of each month in the Selectmen's Office. All meetings were open to the public. All hearings and rehearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board held seven (7) abutters hearings. Eight (8) special exceptions were granted. The granted special exceptions were: one (1) special exception for a home-based business engaged in bookkeeping services and a public fax and copy service; one (1) special exception for a home-based business dealing in mail order retail book business; one (1) special exception for a small business in woodworking; one (1) special exception for a small business in retail clothing store and gift items; one (1) special exception for a home-based business as a consultant; one (1) special exception for a home-based business in arts and crafts; one (1) special exception for a home-based business in drafting and computer-aided design services; and a special exception for a horseback riding stable.

During the coming year the Board of Adjustment will continue to deal with variances and special exceptions of the Land Use Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
RITA M. LARCOMB
Secretary

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Jefferson Planning Board are appointed by the Selectmen upon recommendations by the Planning Board. Present members consist of: Richard Corvinus, chairman; Earl Brooks, vice-chairman; James Brady Jr.; Ernest Gaudes; Vernard Bronson; and James Irish. Selectmen's representative, Carroll Ingerson. Alternate members: John Marshall, Mary Denison, Joseph Marshall, Gordon Winsor, and Stephen Beals. Resignations were regretfully received from: Winifred Ward and Douglas Grella, co-alternates; Peter Guest; and John Miller.

The Planning Board met on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Selectmen's office (excluding Town Meeting, the Christmas holidays, and one meeting in November due to a severe winter storm). All meetings were open to the public.

The Board held four preliminary hearings, four abutter's hearings, approving four subdivisions - none being a major subdivision (four lots or more); one boundary line adjustment; plus several informal consultations, one involving an excavation permit.

A public hearing was held to approve an addition to the subdivision regulations regarding floodplain information, after which the addition was adopted by the Board.

In November the Planning Board initiated a meeting of all the town's Boards and the Fire Department - the intent to create a forum which would open up communications between the Boards. It is hoped it will become a semi-annual event.

Board members attended several out-of-town meetings, workshops, and conferences sponsored by the NH Technical College, NH Municipal Association, North Country Council; Office of State Planning, and the Department of Transportation.

The Board utilized the services of the NH Municipal Association, North Country Council, Board consultants, and town council in considering the proposals that came before it.

The Board will continue to work throughout the new year to work on the Master Plan as well as monitoring and updating as needed the Subdivision Procedures and Regulations, and the Town of Jefferson Land Use Plan Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH C. LOWE, Secretary

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

This year your commissioners have been involved in a variety of projects and issues pertinent to our town.

As part of our year long Bicentennial celebration, we sponsored a photography contest and exhibit at our Town Hall. The theme was: "My Favorite Place in Jefferson". Prizes were awarded.

The workshops we have attended included:

1. The annual meeting of the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions.
2. The annual Planning/Zoning Conference.
3. The annual meeting of the N.H. Municipal Association.

We have also met with soil scientists at the National Resource Conservation Service in Lancaster, to bring us up to speed on the pros and cons of the value of sludge. More information concerning sludge is available on the soils maps for our town.

In the spring, several of us attended a Vernal Pools Workshop sponsored by the Audubon Society of N.H., the University of N.H., and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The purpose of the workshop was to teach us mapping techniques for discovering the presence of such pools here in Jefferson. Such information is valuable as one means to gauge the biological health of the particular area. More information is available in our library in the town office.

We completed writing the Conservation/Preservation section of the Master Plan and it was accepted by the Planning Board.

Our 3rd Open Space Day for the purpose of continuing to open the views from the Waumbek Golf Club off Rt. 2 was rained out, but the new owner has completed the job and our former vistas are re-created. In the spring we will reset the eight bluebird nesting boxes around the golf course, a community project under our sponsorship.

One of our members is involved in efforts towards acquiring a Right-of-Way into Cherry Pond for recreational purposes.

He also continues to maintain the trails at the Refuge.

As part of our Adopt-a-Highway project we twice picked up litter along Route 2 between Santa's Village and Ingerson Rd.

As a Commission, we wrote a letter to the state Pesticide Control Board protesting the aerial spraying of herbicides on the Northern Forests. There is information available in the town office library.

As a means of coordinating the efforts of the 4 Town Boards, we met together in November to discuss present and future projects. It was agreed to put together a proposed sludge ordinance in order to strengthen the existing state regulations. Several members of the Planning Board and conservation Commission have completed this with the help of Lobdell Associates. A Public Hearing will be held.

It was decided as well to address a letter from the 4 Boards to the North Country Council Dept. of Transportation. The letter supports the concept of a multi-use trail between Gorham and Waumbek Junction, with the inclusion of a suggestion to prioritize landowner privacy.

Mary Denison has become the J. C. C. Representative on the Planning Board.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Office. All residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Winifred S. Ward
Douglas Grella
Co-Chairmen

Members: Marjorie Doan, Secretary
David Govatski
Helen Merrill
Bruce Houghton
Mary Denison

JEFFERSON F.A.S.T. SQUAD

The Jefferson F.A.S.T. Squad was very busy this past year with the call volume just shy of doubling from that of last year. The squad responded to 56 medical emergencies in 1996 compared to that of 29 in 1995. The squad also responded to 27 fire calls which brings the total call volume to 83 runs. This is a dramatic increase in incidents for the squad and we hope to be able to continue to provide medical coverage to the best of our ability.

If you have an emergency, you can now dial 911 on your telephone. With the aid of the new 911 system, it has proved to give us the edge in cutting down response time. You may also dial 788-4911 to reach Weeks Memorial Hospital.

We have noticed a sizeable increase in cardiac arrests this past year. It is our goal to purchase a Laerdal Heartstart 911 Defibrillator to add to our equipment roster. This defibrillator will be essential for survival from sudden cardiac arrest. There is a fund-raiser for this equipment as a cooperative effort from the following departments: Lancaster EMS, Lancaster Police Department, Gilman Rescue, Jefferson F.A.S.T. Squad, and Lancaster Ambulance Association. These units run about \$4,000 dollars to purchase but are a great investment for someone's life. Early CPR and early DE-FIB could make the difference between disaster and survival.

Again, we would like to thank the fire department for assisting us on various calls when we are in need of the extra hands. It's nice to see department helping department. We all work well together. A special thanks to Thomas Blanchette, Director of Lancaster Ambulance for his guidance this past year. He has donated valuable time, support, equipment, and education to the squad and we look forward to working very closely with the Lancaster crew. Also, a thanks to Weeks Memorial Hospital staff and dispatchers who we count on time after time.

We are in desperate need of new members. We have recently lost two and another one is off to school putting a strain on the system. We encourage anybody who may be interested in becoming a member to step forward. There are up-coming classes for first responders as well as EMTs. It's a great feeling of success to help aid someone who is in time of need.

On behalf of the Jefferson F.A.S.T. Squad, we wish to extend our wishes for a safe and enjoyable 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE W. COULTER, JR.

Director

Motor Vehicle Accidents	14%
Fire Calls	02%
Medical Emergencies	59%
Emergency Transfers	11%
Non-Emergency Transfers	14%

THE 1996 REPORT OF THE JEFFERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As Jefferson celebrated its Bicentennial Year, the Historical Society participated in a number of special events.

A brief ceremony marked the opening for the season with a welcome by Society President Helen Merrill. A signed copy of the new book - "Jefferson Before 1996" was presented to Rupert Corrigan by Lucille Cameron.

A total of 186 people signed the guest book through the Summer, many taking time to research family members in the Society's genealogical archives.

Highlight for 1996 was receipt of a "Riverton Special Edition" of the Coos County Democrat dated "Aug. 16, 1907", donated by Sylvia (Holmes) Reed of Randolph.

The front page advised Riverton and Jefferson concerning the 75th birthday celebration for Prof. Thaddeus Sobiesky Coulincourt Lowe in the Riverton section of Jefferson.

On Aug. 16, 1996 Lowe family members from Randolph, Gorham and Jefferson participated at a ceremony in his honor. A wreath was placed at the State Historic Marker at Riverton by a descendant. The large American Flag sent by Prof. Lowe in 1907 was on display.

Marion (Lowe) Horne of Gorham later presented the Society a Los Angeles Times paper dated July 4, 1993, which gave a history of the Mt. Lowe Railway (in California) built by Mr. Lowe. This had interesting facts about the railway.

Several old military items have been donated and will be on display when the Museum opens on Memorial Day, 1997.

A very interesting scrapbook was donated by Aloysius and Verne Eastman.

Patricia Enman donated a number of household items in memory of Charlie and Dorothy Enman.

A special program on Rev. Thomas Starr King was featured at a meeting of Starr King Grange by Mrs. Merrill. She also had a display of books and pictures. This display and talk was repeated at the Jefferson Library during the Holiday Fair Finale of the Town's Bicentennial Dec. 14.

In September Grannie Stalbird (Laura Hardiman) paid a

visit to the Museum - arriving on a white horse, wearing a plaid cape and carrying a satchel of medicines.

Early in the Summer David Nielsen, caretaker of the Old Man of the Mountain, presented a slide/talk on his work to preserve New Hampshire's symbol.

Local school children participated in two programs at the Library: one on "The State That Made Us A Nation" and another honoring Abner Davis, founder of the Library (a descendant - Eugene Davis), participated.

Early in the summer members of Scout Troop 218, and others gathered at the Cherry Mountain Slide for a short program before hiking up the Slide Trail.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN MERRILL, President

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District ended 1996 with unaudited assets of \$958,906.12 which consisted of the Route 110 Materials Recovery Facility, recycling equipment, land, miscellaneous equipment, office equipment, operating capital and capital reserve accounts. Liabilities were \$375,000 which consists of long-term debt to the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed to build and equip the Materials Recovery Facility. This is a ten year bond with the final payment due in August 2001.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Operating Capital (Cash on Hand)	\$ 109,649.02
Household Hazardous Waste Reserve	26,980.40
Equipment Capital Reserve	79,950.96
Landfill Closure Reserve	12,461.91
Landfill Long-term Monitoring Reserve	12,461.91
Landfill Environmental Upset Reserve	12,461.92
Land (Route 110)	47,754.00
Recycling Equipment	117,433.00
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	531,608.00
Office Equipment	8,145.00

TOTAL ASSETS	\$958,906.12
LONG-TERM DEBT	(375,000.00)
NET WORTH	\$583,906.12

The 1996 budget apportionment to our member municipalities totalled \$378,147.00. A surplus of \$191,889.20 from the 1995 budget, comprised primarily of recycling revenues, was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of \$186,257.80 being billed to our member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Jefferson was \$7,821.73 reducing your gross apportionment of \$14,799.98 to \$6,978.25. Preliminary reconciliation of the 1996 budget shows a surplus of approximately \$94,000.00 being available to credit toward 1997 apportionments.

Our Materials Recovery Facility processed a total of 3,400.35 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 representing \$83,444.14 of marketing income to the District.

During the period November 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996, the fiscal accounting year for municipal solid waste (MSW), 7,584.46 tons of MSW were disposed of at the Mt. Carberry landfill. The approximate cost of disposal, using our average tipping fee of \$18 per ton, was \$136,520.28. The cost of disposing of this waste at a commercial landfill other than Mt. Carberry would have been \$439,898.68 (using an average \$58 per ton tipping fee).

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 1996. Raymond Chagnon of Berlin was re-elected as District Chairman, John Normand of Northumberland was re-elected Vice Chairman and Earl Wadsworth of Dummer was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Other District Representatives are Clara Grover of Errol, Pamela Shyne of Milan, Yves Zornio of Gorham, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Bruce Houghton of Jefferson, Frederick King of Coos County and Victor Spaulding (Deceased 11/7/96) of Stark.

In June 1996, the District conducted its fifth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day which was held at the Gorham Town Garage. 268 households participated in the collection. The project was funded through a charge of 25 cents per capita for the population of each member municipality based on the 1990 federal census population count. The State of New Hampshire reimbursed the District at the rate of 25 cents per capita after the collection was completed.

October 21, 1996 marked the Fifth Anniversary of operation of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Since that date, a total of 11,166.86 tons of recyclable materials have been processed through the facility representing total marketing revenues of \$431,879.59 through December 31, 1996.

In November 1996, the District was shocked and saddened by the death of Victor Spaulding, Stark's Representative to the AVRDD Board of Directors. Victor's contributions to the District and the Town of Stark will long be remembered.

During 1996, the Administrator/Coordinator charged 1,299.75 hours of work completed to the District. 1,314 pieces of incoming correspondence and 1,296 pieces of outgoing correspondence were processed. 1,398 telephone calls were received or made and 31,548 copies were reproduced on the office copier. 217 meetings on numerous subjects and issues were attended.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON E. GAUTHIER
Administrator/Coordinator

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL 1996 REPORT

This has been a very busy year at the Council. We completed 53 local and regional projects and were directly responsible for the investment of \$7.0 million in local infrastructure projects by federal or state funding sources. In cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation, the Council was involved in the development and implementation of \$16.5 million of transportation projects on the Ten Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). NCC was called upon many times each day to provide local technical advice, be "on call" for our members, respond to questions or provide guidance to land use boards, development corporations, boards of selectmen, chambers of commerce and civic groups. There are over 300 of these local bodies in the region and this last year saw us interacting with most of them at least once and many of them on numerous occasions. In addition, we convened numerous meetings, hearings and informational sessions on regional environmental, regulatory, development, permitting and public policy issues. Similarly, we provided advice, technical assistance and guidance on a weekly basis to businesses, public agencies and non-profit corporations. This last year, we responded to more than 200 requests for data, direction and advice from a very diverse mix of businesses, agencies and organizations. Beyond these requests, we have continued to maintain a regular dialogue with those state agencies that depend on us for a "linkage" to the communities of the North Country.

A new beginning for the Council was the opening of the North Country Council Development Center, located at the historic Rocks Estate in Bethlehem. The Center is the site of NCC's offices, the offices of the NH State Library and the North Country Arts Alliance. This next year will see the addition of another four tenants in spaces that will be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1997. Equally important to its function as a home for all these and other important regional resources, the Center will function as a research/demonstration site, partnership facilitator, conference center, source of market information and communication vehicle for the North Country of New Hampshire.

During 1996, the Center hosted teams of planners from the

Netherlands, Central America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Through these meetings we have gained a mutual understanding of the planning and development challenges we face as a world community. More specifically, these visits have provided us with an opportunity to learn new approaches to conserve resources and foster appropriate development, as well as make many new friends.

This year has been a watershed year for the Council. We have enhanced our staff capacity; we have undergone significant internal strengthening and we have restructured and reorganized, all in an effort to respond to regional need. Our goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION LANCASTER CAP OUTREACH OFFICE

This year, Tri-County Community Action Program, a not for profit agency, requests funding in the amount of \$650.00 (the same as last year).

The following monies were expended to assist Jefferson residents:

Fuel Assistance (95-96) (37 households, 99 individuals) \$12,600.39, and homeless grant monies \$931.90, for a total of \$13,532.29.

In addition, 139 duplicated individuals shared in \$3,631.33 purchased foods, and \$23,422.26 in donated foods.

Due to poor health, I no longer represent CAP. The new local intake worker is Amy Fogg. She can be reached at 788-4477. Her Supervisor is Debbie Harwell 752-3248, and the new Outreach Director Phil Guiser can be reached at 752-7105. CAP's Executive Director is Lawrence Kelly 752-7001.

I truly appreciate the cooperation in working together to help the low-income, elderly, and handicapped residents of Jefferson for the past 16 years.

Thank you all so much. It has been a pleasure to work with you, not only to save taxpayer dollars, but to expend wisely the dollars needed to help those in crisis. You are all to be commended for your part in helping our elderly, handicapped, and low-income to retain their dignity.

Sincerely,

HARRIET E. FORBUSH

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

262 Cottage Street • Littleton, NH 03561 • (603) 444-7731

Littleton Regional Hospital continues to serve the expanding needs of the growing community. Your not for profit community hospital has proudly served people from Jefferson since 1906. As you know, no one is turned away from our always open Emergency Department, regardless of their ability to pay. Approximately \$750,000 of free care was provided to area patients during 1996. This amount is expected to grow and may be even higher in the coming year.

Of the 39,420 patients registered during fiscal year 1996, 352 were from Jefferson. With all of the cuts in various Medicare, Medicaid and other public assistance programs, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to meet the needs of the uninsured.

With your support we hope to continue to offer the high quality, compassionate, accessible and cost effective healthcare that people from Jefferson have come to expect from their hospital.

We respectfully request that you consider partially funding the cost of free care provided by LRH to Jefferson residents by including \$2,000 in the Town's budget for the hospital.

Similar to the other fine services that the town offers, your hospital is ready, willing and able to take care of the needs of the citizens of Jefferson every hour of every day throughout the year.

Respectfully,
ROBERT PEARSON
Administrator

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Weeks Home Health Services, Inc. is a not for profit subsidiary of Weeks Memorial Hospital serving seven towns: Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Randolph, Stark and Whitefield.

The services provided are Skilled Nursing, Home Health Aide, Homemaking, Physical and Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology within a person's home.

Other services provided are community screening and influenza vaccine clinics.

Our commitment to quality is evidenced in obtaining accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and continued Medicare and State recertification.

No one is denied service because of their inability to pay.

Services provided to the town of Jefferson for Fiscal Year October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996 are as follows:

	Visits 1996	Visits 1995
Skilled Nursing	231	244
Physical Therapy	4	45
Speech Therapy	6	2
Occupational Therapy	1	2
Home Health Aide	271	387
Homemaker (1/2 hour units)	12	136

It has been several years since the agency has requested an increase in town funding, and the needs of individuals continues to escalate. Therefore, this year we are requesting an increase of 5% for town support.

Requested support \$3,559.86

Thank you for your continued support which enables Weeks Home Health to continue providing community health care.

Sincerely,

ROXANNA WHITE, RN
Executive Director

THE CALEB GROUP

Dear Selectmen:

I am writing to request funding from the Town of Jefferson. I would like to request \$1,500 through the Town Warrant at Town Meeting in March 1997. Our neighbor helping neighbor organization recruits and trains, and supports a corps of volunteers who assist older persons in remaining independent. The volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, shopping, chore services, friendly visiting, telephone reassurance and help with meal preparation.

As Program Director, I help to administer the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, act as an information and referral resource, work with area home care agencies, provide educational forums, and when necessary, I am an advocate for the elderly. Our services are all free and there are no income requirements for the elderly to participate in this program.

Our program reaches out to the Town of Lancaster, Twin Mountain, Whitefield, Jefferson and Dalton. We will be requesting funding from each of these towns.

I look forward to hearing from you about this request. If you know of an elder in need of our services, please do not hesitate to call our Highland House Office, 837-9179.

Sincerely,
ROXIE A. SEVERANCE
Program Director

1996
WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH
AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
Director's Report

***All Persons Have the Right to Meaningfully
Participate in the Life of Their Community***

This is the mission statement of White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services. For more than a quarter of a century, our staff has worked to assure that individuals with mental illness or a developmental disability receive the supports to allow this mission to be a reality.

Many Jefferson residents have been able to remain living and working productively in their community due to the assistance of WMMH&DS. Psychiatric hospitalizations, residential treatment of children, and institutionalization of persons with a developmental disability are now exceedingly rare due to the availability of community based supports. Jefferson residents also have access to high quality, professional counseling for family problems, depression and substance abuse through White Mountain Mental Health. Services are available at our main office in Littleton, and at our satellite office at Weeks Hospital. Not only do the recipients of services benefit from this intervention, but also the community. The cost of unaddressed emotional problems are felt in many different forms, including the quality of family life, the productivity of our work force and the safety of our streets.

During 1996 White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services provided the following to Jefferson residents:

*** 412 hours of outpatient counseling services to 24 Jefferson residents** who were either uninsured or partially insured. The full cost of these services was \$26,780.

* extensive supports, including housing, vocational services and family support to persons with serious developmental disabilities. These supports helped make it possible for these individuals to live and work in their community.

* developmental assessments, case management, in-home support, speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy to families with infants or toddlers diagnosed with some form of developmental delay. These services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

* Perhaps most importantly, ***emergency services are avail-***

able 24 hours per day, seven days per week to assist individuals, families, hospitals and law enforcement in managing psychiatric emergencies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Jefferson for their support over the past twenty five years. We continue to look to you, our community partners, to help us to continue to provide excellent services in this era of abundant problems and scarce resources.

Respectfully submitted,
JANE C. MacKAY, CCSW
Area Director

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1996 was the thirteenth year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The fund was able to provide scholarship funds for James Notari in 1996.

Any Senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

We would like to again thank all who have donated to the fund.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson. Checks should be made payable to: Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Jefferson Library Trustees.

Sincerely,

MARIETTA INGERSON

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1981 the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers founded this Scholarship Fund in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. This scholarship is available to any High School senior who is a resident of Jefferson, and who wishes to further his/her education in any field. Any student desiring to apply for the scholarship may request an application at the White Mountains Regional High School.

This year only one application was received and the scholarship was awarded to James Notari, who is studying film production at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the Nevers family for their continuing contributions to the scholarship along with our thanks to the other donors who have contributed to the growth of this fund. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted and may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

The Selecting Committee,

ADELE WOODS, Library Trustee Chairman

LENA SAVAGE, Library Trustee

WILMA CORRIGAN, Library Trustee

BRENDA GROSS, Librarian

OPAL BRONSON, Town Clerk

1996 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

As we look back on the past year and the celebration of Jefferson's 200th Anniversary we would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the committees, volunteers and participants who put their time and efforts into making Jefferson's 200th Anniversary a great success.

Thank You,
Board of Selectmen

JEFFERSON HISTORY BOOK

January 29, 1997

Report on history book sales "Jefferson Before 1996".

Total books received	1,362
Books sold to date	641
Received to date	\$24,680.00
Due from Peter Estabrooks	\$960.00

RUPERT E. CORRIGAN

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

By

Raymond S. Burton

Councilor - District One

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters. 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.

2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.

3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local

groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.) Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Tel. (603) 271-3632

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Apr. 16	Erika Lynn Millett	Lancaster, N.H.	Steven M. Millett	Tracy M. Lambert
Dec. 11	Rebecca Lynn Hicks	Littleton, N.H.	Forrest P. Hicks II	Stacey L. Chapple

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Nov. 1	Thomas Ormond Deignan	Lancaster, N.H.	James Deignan	Margaret (Unknown)
Dec. 14	Edward Burt Gilbert	Lancaster, N.H.	Francis Gilbert	Mary Perry
Dec. 30	Raymond Edward Violette	Lancaster, N.H.	Levi Violette	Edith Bombardier

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
June 22	Jefferson	Scott E. Mardin	Jefferson
June 29	Jefferson	Jennifer L. Boswell	Jefferson
Aug. 10	Jefferson	Kevin H. Breunig	Seattle, WA
Aug. 10	Jefferson	Linda M. Rosen	Seattle, WA
Aug. 10	Jefferson	David P. Barnes	Maynard, MA
Aug. 10	Jefferson	Molly L. Notari	Boxboro, MA
Aug. 24	Milan, N.H.	Forrest P. Hicks II	Jefferson
Oct. 10	Jefferson	Stacey L. Chapple	Jefferson
Dec. 2	Jefferson	Hollis Ray Monroe	Jefferson
		Ann M. Fortier	Jefferson
		Scott W. Gray	Jefferson
		Joli M. Mardones	Jefferson
		Jack B. Zito	Palm Beach, FL
		Joan M. Mularz	Sunrise, FL



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